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For: Capillary Active Test Element Having an Intermediate Layer
Situating Between the Support and the Covering

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

In the claims

Please amend claims 9 and 16. The amended claims are set forth in the attached Clean Version of Replacement Claims for Entry During Prosecution of US Application No. 09/554,793, as well as a Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

REMARKS

The Examiner's request for formal drawings of the corrected drawings is acknowledged. Two sheets of formal drawings are submitted herewith. Claims 2-5, 7 and 9-16 are pending in the application. Claims 9 and 16 are independent claims.

The disclosure is objected to because of informalities. The heading DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS was indeed inserted via amendment. See, page 4 of the Clean Version of Replacement Paragraphs for Entry During Prosecution of US Application No. 09/554,793 submitted in Reply to the last Office Action mailed August 30, 2002, as well as at page 4 of the Version with Markings to Show Changes Made. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.